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REMARKS

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1. From 6 to 10 October 1953, the quartering buildings west of Regatta Strasse in Berlin-Gruenau were occupied by an estimated 400 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, including some wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Officers and personnel were seen going from the quarters to the restricted area east of Regatta Strasse and vice versa. Trucks 25X1B
 25X1B were seen driving to the installation. The Autohof (garage) east of Regatta Strasse was still used as a parking lot and repair shop for motor vehicles. Trucks 25X1B
 25X1B were seen driving to the Autohof. The restricted area east of Regatta Strasse was still about 75 to 80 percent occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson or red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks 25X1B
 25X1B were seen driving to the restricted area. The officers billets at 146 Regatta Strasse were not occupied during the period of observation.
2. Prior to 13 October, the Berlin-Gruenau quartering buildings were at 51 through 37 Regatta Strasse and were bounded by Regatta Strasse, Schliersee Strasse, Koenigsee Strasse and the Dame River. Two main entrances with barriers were on Regatta Strasse and were guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered crimson or red-bordered green epaulets. Another entrance at 2 Wassersport Allee was guarded by a KVP sentry. Individual officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen there. At 3:50 p.m. on 12 October, eight trucks each occupied by 20 soldiers entered the installation. A Soviet storage depot was in the factory building at 12 through 18 Regatta Strasse. Motor vehicles and 25X1B
 25X1B were seen there. An officers' club was in the former elementary school at the corner of Koenigsee Strasse. Between 8 and 10 p.m. each Wednesday, instruction for Soviet officers was held in the class rooms. About 20 officers usually were in one class room.
3. Source learned that a Soviet office called Kach 364 was 25X1B located at 87 Regatta Strasse. It was in connection with a small guard detail at the Schoenefeld airfield whose personnel wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Officers known to source included Major Ivanov (fnu); Captain Khmelovsky (fnu), who was transferred in early 1953 and was succeeded by Captain Dementiev (fnu), who was possibly also transferred as he had not been seen since late August; and Captain Malyshev, who had been with the office since early August and probably succeeded Captain Dementiev. Motor vehicles 25X1B

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25X1B [redacted] were seen at the installation.

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The headquarters of the commander of LVD units in East Germany is believed to be stationed in the restricted area on Regatta Strasse. It seems to be occupied as previously. [redacted] has been observed in this area since 1946.

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